

THE VIRGIN MARY IN THE KINGDOM

Day 12 (P223)

The Virgin Mary leaves her cradle and takes her first steps.

With her divine acts she solicits God's descent to earth and calls all souls to live in the Divine Will

"My mother, I love you; love me too. Increase in my soul the Will of God, and grant me your blessing also, so that I may do all my actions under your maternal gaze."

The soul to the Little Queen of Heaven:

Here I come again to visit you, my dear little infant Mary, in the house of Nazareth. I wish to witness the years of your tender age; I wish to offer you my hand as you take your first steps and speak with your holy mother and father Anne and Joachim. After you have been weaned and are able to walk, little as you are, you help Saint Anne in her little tasks.

My little mother, how dear and enrapturing you appear!

Impart to me your lessons so that I may follow your childhood and learn from you - even in the little human actions - to live in the Kingdom of the Divine Will.

Lesson of the Little Queen of Heaven:

My dear child, my only desire is to keep my child close to me.

Without you I feel lonely and have no one in whom to confide my secrets.

It is my maternal caring that yearns for my child to be close to me - a child who is in my heart - so that I may impart to you my lessons and make you understand how to live in the Kingdom of the Divine Will.

In this kingdom the human will cannot enter, as the light, the sanctity and the power of the Divine Will besiege the human will and make it undergo continual deaths.

But do you think that the human will is afflicted because the Divine Will keeps it in the act of continually dying?⁹¹

⁹¹On Day 17, Mary reveals to Luisa that "the weapons" that make the human will continually die to the Divine Will are "courage", "trust" and a firm "resolution".⁹¹

Oh no, not at all.

Rather, it feels joyous, for when the human will dies to itself, the Divine Will is reborn and arises victorious and triumphant in the soul, bringing it endless joy and happiness.

Dear child, it is enough for the soul to understand what it means to allow oneself to be dominated by the Divine Will and to experience it, for it to abhor its own will and prefer to be martyred thousands of times than to leave the Divine Will!

Now listen closely to what your tender mother wishes to tell you.

I departed from heaven only to do the Will of the Eternal One.

Although on earth I possessed my heaven of the Divine Will within me and I was inseparable from my Creator, I also had the privilege of remaining in my heavenly homeland in the company of the three Divine Persons.

Because the Divine Will was within me, I possessed a daughter's rightful claims to remain with them in heaven.

I let myself be cradled like a tiny little child in their paternal arms and shared in all the joys, happiness, riches and sanctity the Divine Persons possess.

Indeed, from the Divine Persons I could take and be filled with as much of their divine qualities as I pleased, to the point of not being able to fully contain them.

The Supreme Entity was pleased in seeing that, without fear, but rather, with highest love I filled myself with their qualities, and was I not surprised that they should allow me to acquire as much of their qualities as I desired.

I was their daughter, one was the Will which animated us, and whatever they desired I desired.

Therefore, I felt the qualities of my Father as my very own - the only difference being, I was little and could not embrace or contain all their qualities; no matter how much I acquired, there was always more that remained, and inasmuch as I remained always a creature, I hadn't the capacity to contain them all.

Indeed, the divinity, which is great and immense, embraces everything in one single act.

So, the moment they made me understand that I was to deprive myself of their heavenly joys and our exchanged chaste embraces, I departed from heaven without hesitation and returned to be with my dear parents who loved me very much.

Because of the Divine Will that reigned in me I was all beloved, enrapturing, cheerful, peaceful and filled with childlike grace, such as to captivate my parents' affection.

Their attention was completely fixed on me as I was their jewel.

When they took me in their arms, they felt things they had not experienced before and a divine life pulsating within me.

Now, child of my heart, from the moment my life on earth began to develop, the Divine Will extended its Kingdom in all my acts.⁹²

"The manner by which Mary called all our acts into her own, through which the Divine Will extended its kingdom in her soul, is poignantly described by Our Lord on August 14, 1912, where he relates:

"When I was on earth, did my hands not lower themselves to work the wood, hammer the nails and help my putative father Joseph?

While I was doing this with my own hands and fingers, I created souls, while calling others back to life.

I divinized and sanctified all human activity, imparting divine merit to each human action.

In the movements of my fingers I called into sequence all the movements of your fingers and those of others ... imparting to them the merit of my own life ...

By lowering myself to all these little and lowly actions that men do in their daily lives such as eating, sleeping, drinking, working ... in all the actions that are indispensable to all humans, I formed a small divine little coin of incalculable value and made it flow throughout all human actions.

So, if my Passion redeemed man, my hidden life provided each human action, even the most insignificant, with divine merit of infinite value".⁹²

My prayers, words, steps, eating, sleeping and the little tasks with which I helped my mother, were animated by the Divine Will.

And since I always carried you in my heart, I called you, my child, into all my acts.

I called your acts to be together with mine so that in your acts too, even the most menial ones, the Kingdom of the Divine Will might be established.

Listen to how much I loved you.

If I prayed, I called your prayers into mine, so that both my prayers and yours might receive one singular value of a Divine Will.

If I spoke, with my words I called into sequence your words;

if I walked, I called into sequence your steps;

if I did little human actions that are indispensable to all humans - such as taking water, sweeping, helping my mother prepare the wood to start the fire, and many other similar things - I called into sequence these same acts when you do them, so that they might receive the value of a Divine Will which could then extend its Kingdom in all our acts.⁹³ And while calling you in every one of my acts, I called the Divine Word to descend to earth.

⁹³Nota bene:

It was not the acts of Mary alone that divinized all human actions and extended God's kingdom in her soul, but principally those of the three Divine Persons operating within her - specifically, the second Person of the Trinity.

To Luisa Jesus relates this truth:

"I could have done the work of Redemption in very little time, and even with one single word, but during the course of many years, with many hardships and sufferings, I wanted to make man's miseries my own.

I wanted to apply myself to many different actions, so that man might be completely renewed and divinized, even in the most menial tasks.

Indeed, once man's actions had been performed by me who am God and Man, they received new splendour and were impressed with the seal of my divine works. My divinity, hidden within my humanity, wanted to lower itself to such depths as to subject itself to the course of human actions" (L. Piccarreta, volume 3, January 12, 1900).⁹³

Oh, how much I loved you, my child!

I wanted to reorder your acts within mine to make you happy and allow you to reign together with me.

Oh, how many times I called you and your acts, but, to my greatest sorrow, mine remained alone and I saw yours as if lost within your human will, forming – for however horrible it is to say – a kingdom that is not divine, but human: the kingdom of passions and sin, of unhappiness and misfortunes.

Your mother wept over your misfortune, foreseeing the unhappy kingdom into which they would lead you, and my tears are still pouring out with every act your own human will to make you understand the great evil you do.

Now, listen closely to what your tender mother wishes to tell you.

If you do the Divine Will, joys and happiness will be given to you as though by right; everything will be in common with you and your Creator; weakness and miseries will be banished from you, and you will be the dearest of my children.

I will keep you in my own Kingdom to make you live always in the Divine Will.

The soul:

Holy Mother, in seeing you cry who can resist and not listen to your holy lessons?

With all my heart I promise, I vow never to do my will ever again.

And may you, divine mother,⁹⁴ never leave me alone; may the power of your presence subdue my will so that I may reign forever and ever in the Will of God.

⁹⁴The expression, "divine mother", does not mean that Mary is divine in nature, but that the Divine Will of the three Divine Persons with which she unceasingly co-operated from the moment of her Immaculate Conception, operated as one with her human will.⁹⁴

Aspiration:

Today, to honour me, grant me all your acts to keep me company in my tender years, reciting to me three prayers of love, in memory of the three years in which I lived with my mother, Saint Anne.

Exclamation:

Powerful Queen, captivate my heart and enclose it in the Divine Will.